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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, the Applicant requests consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

PART I: Compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97

This Information Disclosure Statement has been filed before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114. No fee or certification is required.

PART II: Information Cited

The Applicant hereby makes of record in the above-identified application the information listed on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08). The order of presentation of the references should not be construed as an indication of the importance of the references.

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The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the enclosed search report mailed March 26, 2008 from corresponding European Application No. 03077055.6 and the Notification of Reasons for Refusal dated November 13, 2007 for Japanese Application No. 2002-577576.

PART III: Explanation of Non-English Language References and Remarks Concerning Other Information Cited

JP 2004-510393 is a translation of PCT/EP01/11206 (WO 02/27976 A1). US 5,991,280 is an English language equivalent of JP H9-223997. US 6,229,477 is an English language equivalent of JP 2000-131413. An English language abstract is provided for JP H4-27887. An English language translation is provided for the Notification of Reasons for Refusal dated November 13, 2007 for Japanese Application No. 2002-577576.

PART IV: Remarks

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08) be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

By submitting this Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicant makes no representation that a search has been performed, of the extent of any search performed, or that more relevant information does not exist.

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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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